



Media Information

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Columbus Division of Police

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 8-8-17

Time: 12:49pm

Location of Offense/Incident: Refugee Rd & US Rt 33

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Report #: 170684305

Cruiser District: 200

Decedent:

Name: Betty Griggs

Sex: Female

Age: 63

Other Involved Parties:

Name: Richard Hough

Sex: Male

Age: 41

Name: Amanda Griggs

Sex: Female

Age: 38

Name: Drea Griggs

Sex: Female

Age: 8

Name: Nola Cotton

Sex: Female

Age: 2

Incident Summary:

On August 8, 2017, at approximately 12:49 PM, Mr. Richard Hough, of Columbus, was operating a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe in the wrong direction on the ramp from eastbound Refugee Rd. to westbound U.S. 33. Mr. Hough collided head-on with a 2014 Nissan Sentra which was traveling the correct direction on the same ramp. The Nissan's driver, Betty Griggs, of New Lexington, and passenger Amanda Griggs, of Columbus, were taken to Grant Medical Center in critical condition. Also passengers in the Nissan were Amanda Griggs' daughters, Drea Griggs and Nola Cotton, who were taken to Nationwide Children's Hospital in critical condition. Betty Griggs was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at Grant.

Mr. Hough was also taken to Grant Medical Center where he was processed by police as an impaired driver. Blood tests are pending analysis. No charges have yet been filed and Mr. Hough was admitted to Grant in stable condition.

This investigation is ongoing.

To date, Columbus has had 31 traffic fatalities

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